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Overview

This act modifies provisions related to the review of draft watershed management plans required of watershed management organizations (watershed districts/joint powers entities located wholly or partially within the metropolitan area).

Section

- 1** **Review of draft plan.** Amends § 103B.231, subd. 7. Requires watershed management organizations to respond to concerns on their draft watershed management plans expressed by the commissioners of natural resources, agriculture, health, and the Pollution Control Agency, a result of a 60-day review and comment period, at least ten days before holding the public hearing on the draft plan (currently they are required to respond within 30 days of receiving the concerns). Requires the public hearing to be held no sooner than 14 days after the review period (currently the hearing must be no sooner than 30 days and no later than 45 days after the review period).
- 2** **Approval by the board.** Amends subd. 9. Removes reference to a second draft plan review process (repealed under section 4 of this act) but does still require that the draft plan, any amendments, written comments, a record of the public hearing, and a summary of any changes incorporated as part of the review process be submitted to the Metropolitan Council, the commissioners of natural resources, agriculture, health, and the Pollution Control Agency, and the Board of Water and Soil Resources for final review.
- 3** **Amendments.** Amends § 103B.231, subd. 11. Technical.
- 4** **Repealer.** Repeals § 103B.231, subd. 8 (a second 45-day draft plan review process that follows the initial review).

